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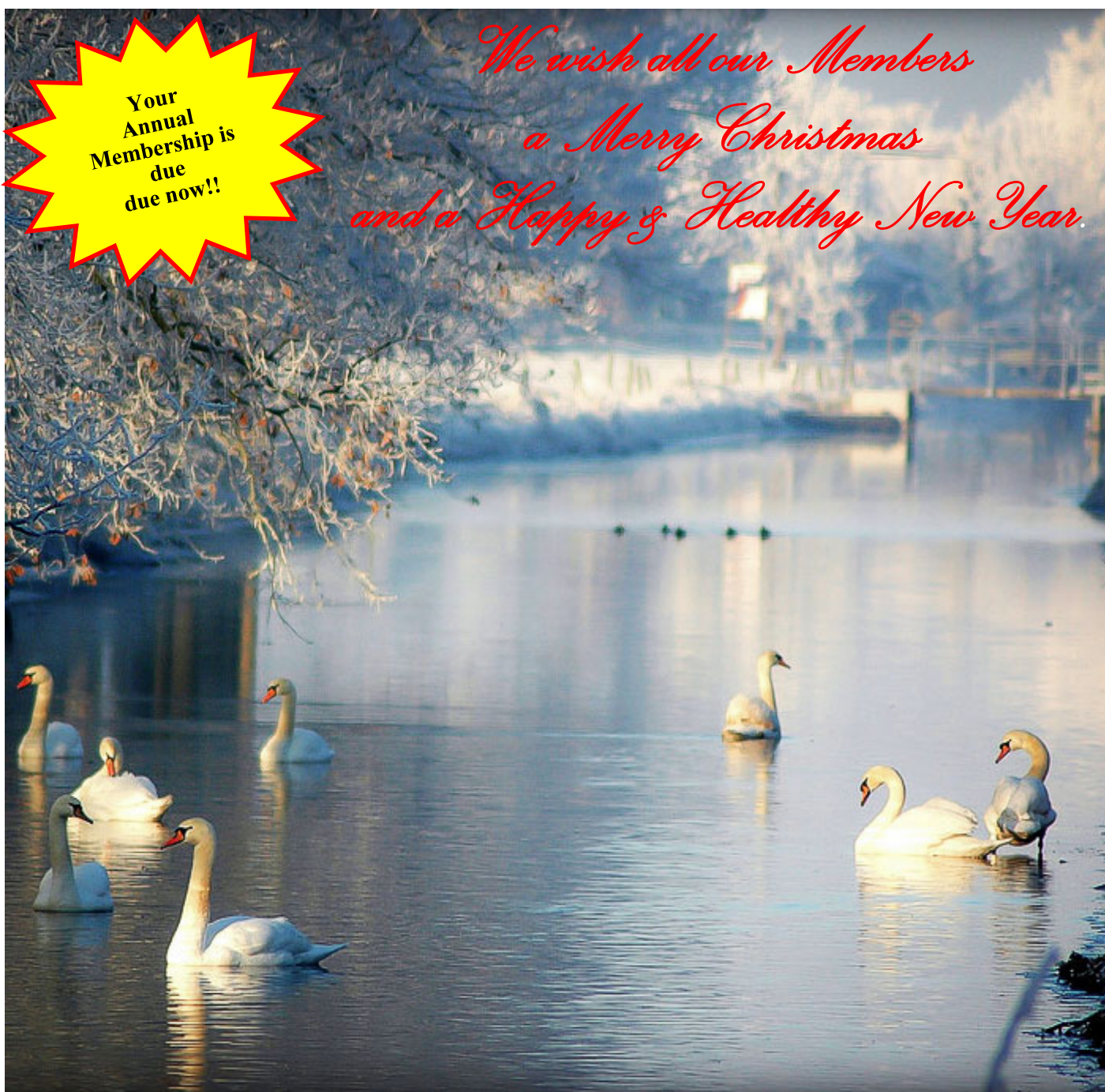
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Your
Annual
Membership is
due
due now!!

*We wish all our Members
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy & Healthy New Year.*



White Swans in a serene winter landscape in the Friesian Town of Drachten. It is the second largest Town in Friesland. It is well-known for its traffic experiment as well as the re-establishment of a canal through the Town, that had been filled-in many years ago. More on Drachten on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

At the time of writing this, the only Neerlandia Sub-Clubs that have resumed their activities are the Dutch Singers, the Billiard Club and the Bingo.

Below please find the **proposed** Function Calendar for Neerlandia events and Sub-Club activities for the beginning of 2021.

The events and activities in green are confirmed.

The events in blue are very likely to be held, but need to be confirmed in the February Magazine. which will be sent to the Members as early in January as possible.

Members of the individual Clubs may also be notified by the Committees of their Sub-Club when they will restart in 2021.

Clubhouse details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for all their activities.

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Members on second last page.

December 2020:

Sun 13	<u>Christmas Crackers Revue</u>	noon
	For details see page 5	
Mon 7,14	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 9	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am

January 2021:

Mon 25	<u>Snooker Club</u>	9.30 am
Wed 27	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10 am
Thurs 28	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Thurs 28	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am

February 2021:

Sun 7	<u>Sunday Drive</u>	10.30am
Sun 7	<u>Family Ice Skating</u>	
Mon 1,8,15,22	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 3,10,17,24	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10am
Wed 3, 17	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 4,11,18,25	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Thurs 11,25	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Fri 26	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel Night</u>	6pm

March 2021:

Sun 7	<u>Welcome Back Celebration Lunch at RDC</u>	
	For details see pages 4 & 5	

May 2021:

Sun 2	<u>Kings Day Lunch at Morley</u>	
	For details see page 4	

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President's Report on the AGM



Dear Members.

Thank you for attending our 51st AGM.

Let me start with thanking those Members, who have helped to keep our club running during this difficult time,

from the Membership registration by Kay Wegman; to the magazine preparation by Pieter Leeftang and off course his proof readers (Henk and Lianna). Our magazine has been a light during these dark times.

The entertainment (although this has been somewhat limited) by Henk and off course the junior entertainment led by Machiel.

This last year has been the most challenging and difficult year to date for me as a President.

It has been very challenging and from time to time I have questioned the decisions we made.

As we now see light at the end of the tunnel (or so it seems), I am very proud for the way that we as Neerlandia have dealt with our problems.

Although we had no events for most of the year, the Neerlandia Committee has been monitoring the past and upcoming events scenario very closely.

It has not been easy for many of us, being alone, not being able to catch up with friends & family and maybe the loss of a loved one. I would like nothing more than for our Club to restart the usual activities. Please be assured that, when we safely can, we will restart. I can highly recommend that you keep your eyes on the magazine, as this has been our lifeline and we will update you on events coming up.

I am 100% certain that we have dealt with the postponing of events and activities properly, as the safety and wellbeing of our Members, family and friends, is the most important consideration.

Morley Windmills.

During the year we have quietly progressed with discussions with the Morley Windmills Club.

And I am pleased to report that we have been able to clarify/resolving our concerns with their premises. We have now cleared the way and will be able to move forward.

The first concerns was the state of the existing kitchen, as that was not up to a serviceable standard. That has now been fixed and the refurbished kitchen is looking very good.

standard. Our second concern was the existing lease agreements between all involved parties. This is now in the final steps of being resolved by those involved.

Memberships.

Here are some interesting statistics for our Membership numbers: 2020 –330 Members, in 2019 –328 and in 2018 –338.

As you can see there is a small downward trend in our Membership numbers, but I am very happy to say and proud that due the relentless work from the Committee, that our Membership numbers have been able to stay where they are. Lifetime membership, this has always been a highly discussed and contested topic by all involved. For this year in light of current events I have decided to hold off until next years AGM when (I hope) all is back to normal.

Committee.

With a heavy hart I had to accept Tilly Stulcbauer's resignation from the Committee during the year. I would like to thank Tilly for all her help and assistance and wish her all the best. Her place on the Committee was filled by John Zwartkruis.

I would like to thank my Committee Members and their partners for their ongoing and continuing support. Without them, nothing would have happened.

I do encourage all to assist where and when you can, as many hands make the tasks at hand easier.

At Committee level we are always listening. Any questions, comments or ideas, please let me or our Committee Members know.

That's it from me. **All the best for the upcoming Festive season and a Happy and Safe 2021.**

**Eric van Waaijenburg,
President.**



The Neerlandia Committee elected at the AGM.

Neerlandia Announcement. Upcoming Events in 2021.

Subject to WA being back to normal, the Neerlandia Committee has pencilled in a couple of sponsored events for 2021, which the Members should note on their Calendar or in their Diary.

1. A "Welcome Back Celebration Lunch" on Sunday, the 7th of March 2021, at the RDC.

2. A "Kings Day Lunch" on Sunday, the 2nd of May 2021, in Morley.

It is much too early to announce any details as yet, as both Events are still some months away. However, there will be additional information in the February 2021 issue of this Magazine

Note:

Please also be aware that these events will be sponsored by Neerlandia. And in order to benefit fully from the discounted ticket price, your 2021 Neerlandia Membership will have to be paid in full well before the events are held.

Neerlandia Committee.

In Memoriam

Passed away the 12th of November

Klaas de Vries

long-term Neerlandia Member and a Member of the Senior' Club.

Klaas always was a regular at the Maas & Waal Borrel Nights.

Sincere condolences to Martin and his family and partner Hotimah.



May He Rest in Peace.

NEERLANDIA SENIORS' CLUB NEWS.

Our last Seniors day was on Thursday the 12th of March. A lot has happened since that day. We lost 3 Senior Club Members: Nel Ottenhof, Brigitta Weel and recently Klaas De Vries. In most cases it is often the result of a fall. **Therefore please be mindful when you move around.** Never be in a hurry and watch your step all the time. **Every fall is preventable!!!**

I have some exciting news for you.

If everything stays well, the Seniors will be starting up again on Thursday the 28th of January 2021, at the usual time, but with a bang!!! A large cake for starters!!!

I have a question: "How many of you have played golf?" I am also thinking of starting a Mini Golf putting game in the sports hall. Anybody can get involved in this. When you receive this Magazine and read this article and you would like to participate, **please call me on 9256 1977, registering your interest**, so that I can make the necessary arrangements.

Anything to make the attendance at the Seniors more interesting, so join in the fun. Like before, a two-course lunch will be provided for the same price as before, \$15.- Looking forward to getting back to normal and seeing you all at the end of January. From the Seniors Committee we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Henk Oorschot, Life Member.



Welcome Back Lunch & Tivoli Christmas Show

WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION LUNCH.

To be enjoyed by Members and friends on
Sunday 7th of March 2021
in the Edelweiss Hall at the Rhein-Donau Club.

Lunch at 12.30 pm——Doors open at 11.30am.

**A sumptuous, set menu, 3 course Lunch
will be provided for you to enjoy.**

Financial Dutch Club Members \$15.-
Non-Members \$50.-
Drink voucher included.

*Your ticket will also have a “Door Prize” number on it for one of
the 10 prizes (5 Zwarte Kip Advokaat and 5 mystery prizes),
that you can win on the day, just by being there.*

*Secure your tickets by contacting:
Henk Oorschot 9256 1977, or email: henkoorschott@bigpond.com*

THE TIVOLI IN APPLECROSS.

**The Tivoli is on the corner of Kintail and Canning Beach Roads
Applecross (Opposite the Raffles Hotel). Some parking is available
adjacent to the Tivoli, or in nearby Moreau Mew and paid
parking in the basement of the Raffles hotel.**

**We have reserved a “Block Booking” of 81 seats for this
CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW
on Sunday 13th of December 2020 at 12 noon,
doors open at 11.30am.**

**Dutch Club Members \$7.-
Non-Members \$17.-**

*Which includes chicken and chips at interval.
Secure your tickets for this unforgettable show from:
Henk Oorschot 9256 1977, E-mail: henkoorschott@bigpond.com*



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The Karl's Bar at the RDC.

Extensive renovations are in progress in the Karl's Bar, that will take until Christmas to be completed.

The whole Karl's Bar area will be out of bounds, except the Sports Hall, which can be accessed via the Beer Gardens; and the Snooker Room, which can be accessed via the rear storage area.

How does that affect the Sub-Clubs:

1. The Snooker Club will continue as usual, as they have access to the Billiard Room via the side door.

If that proves to be impossible due to the current renovations, they will cease playing if necessary.

2. The Bingo will continue as usual.

3. The Sunday Drives had already been cancelled until February 2021.

4. The Thursday Night Card Club's 2020 season has been cancelled and they will now also look at starting again on Thursday January 28.

5. The same will apply to **The Seniors' Club.**

6. The Wednesday Card Club will start again on Wednesday 27 January.

The February Magazine:

We will do our best to get the February Magazine to our Members about the 21st of January, so that they can read the latest news about proposed Neerlandia events and the starting-up details of the various Sub-Clubs as early as possible. However, we need to keep in mind that the printer will close the business over an extended Christmas/New Year period.

The Corona Virus.

The sudden, unexpected outbreak, which recently occurred in South Australia and the consequent restriction that were imposed, shows that safe situations taken for granted, can change quickly without warning.

Things will not be the same until a vaccine is found that works 100%, is effective for many years and that has no long-term side effects, especially so for the elderly.

Planned events for 2021.

Neerlandia is planning to hold 2 Events for Members and guests early in 2021. Details can be seen on pages 4 & 5 of this Magazine.



This time the admittance prices will be substantially subsidised for Neerlandia Members.

However, in order to reap those benefits, your 2021 Membership needs to be paid in full well before the events.

Neerlandia Membership:

Enclosed you will find a 2021 Neerlandia Membership form with information how to pay your 2021 dues.

The Neerlandia AGM held on 22 November:

The Meeting was attended by 37 Members. The entire 2020 Committee was re-elected for another year and John Zwartkruis had his Committee Membership confirmed by those present.

More details in the Presidents report on Page 3,

In conclusion I would like to wish all our Members and Readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Piet Leeftang L.M.
Editor



37 Members attended the AGM.

Stuff Dutch People Like (1)

“Stuff Dutch People Like” is a column written by an Expatriate living in the Netherlands. This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading “Stuff Dutch People Like” as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.



SARCASTIC (SINTERKLAAS) POEMS.

The Dutch are currently in the throes of their most beloved holiday. Over the next few days many a Dutchie will be putting pen to paper (or keyboard to screen) in an attempt to write the perfect Sinterklaasgedicht (Sinterklaas poem). While endlessly debating Zwarte Piet (yes, even we foreigners have grown tired of it) the Dutch will adamantly tell you that this holiday is “all about the children”.

But don't be fooled, those fully-grown Dutchies love to give themselves some Sinterklaas fun, just as much as their mini-me's!

The 18+ version of Sinterklaas however, has a few more twists and turns – namely booze, “surprises” (pronounced surprisees) and gedichten (poems). Family (or friends) draw names for the receiver of their gift & poem on surprise avond (surprise night).

The surprise is a cheap small gift, wrapped in a home-made-craft-project-of-sorts; the paper packaging is made to represent a hobby/passion of the gift receiver.

Like football? You may just get a 3-foot orange paper jersey!



Need a new bike? Guess what? You're not getting one – but here's a cardboard version!

I find myself torn between appreciating this very Dutch tradition for its enormous creativity and questioning it for its suspicious thriftiness. Is the overly elaborate home-made



packaging just a way to fancy up an otherwise cheap gift? A proverbial ‘pig in lipstick’?

Regardless, we have yet to get to the juiciest bit of the evening – the poems! What fun would a truly Dutch tradition be, if it didn't involve a little bit of passive-aggressive Dutch directness? To paraphrase our good friend Mr. Wiki: “A traditional Sinterklaas poem highlights the less positive traits of its subject in a friendly/joking manner.” Yes, these poems gently (or sometimes not

Stuff Dutch People Like (2)

so gently), poke fun at the victim subject in a humorously sarcastic way. Trust those Dutchies to use a festive holiday as a means for 'keeping it real'!



Putting your thoughts into rhyme is not so easy.

In fact, it's essentially the principle of "doe normaal", set to rhymes. Think your cousin is a bit too braggy about all that money he makes? Now's the chance to tell him you aren't so impressed – in a sing-songy note!

A recipe for disaster or just plain good fun? I suppose it depends on the company you keep!

And so dear readers, stay tuned as we're busy composing our poem to YOU! In the meantime, have you got a great one to share?

Were grudges held after a particularly harsh gedicht?

This is the season of the sarcastic sonnet!

p.s. Still need a gift? Read the poem to the right of this.

Source:

www.stuffdutchpeoplelike.com



Pakjesavond. Sometimes it goes wrong.



PRETTIGE SINTERKLAAS

THE DUTCH, YOU SEE, ARE A COMPLICATED BUNCH
 THEIR JOKES AND TRADITIONS AS STRANGE AS THEIR LUNCH
 THEY'RE TALL, OFTEN BLOND, AND USUALLY QUITE BLUNT
 THEIR TREACHEROUS STAIRS ARE AN ACROBATIC STUNT
 LUCKY FOR US, NOT ALL WEAR RED PANTS
 OR SPEND THEIR DAYS SMOKING INFAMOUS PLANTS
 DUTCH DINNER RESEMBLES AN INDISCERNIBLE MASH
 A DATE WITH A DUTCHIE? DON'T FORGET TO BRING CASH!
 THEIR HOUSES AIN'T WINDMILLS, THEIR SHOES AIN'T ALL CLOGS
 BUT DON'T BE SURPRISED IF IT RAINS CATS AND DOGS
 LET'S CELEBRATE THE DUTCH AND ALL OF THEIR QUIRKS
 GET SOME GIGGLES AND LAUGHS OR A COUPLE OF SMIRKS
 WE THANK YOU DEAR FANS FOR THE CHATTER AND FUN
 WITH SUCH FOOD FOR FODDER OUR WORK'S NEVER DONE!

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www.stuffdutchpeoplelike.com

A sample of a St. Nicholas verse by SDPL.

Stuff Dutch People Like (3)

(continued from page 9)

Zwarte Piet (Black Peter).

You know it's that time of the year again in Holland, when you are greeted by some Dutch person on the street, whose face is painted completely black and is sporting an afro wig, bright red lips and a ridiculous clown-like costume. What is possibly more strange than this very sight, is the fact that many Dutch person finds it a completely normal and acceptable occurrence.

Yes, most Dutch people love their Zwarte Piets (Black Peter's)!

Throughout November and early December the beloved Zwarte Piet icon is ubiquitous and can be found manically smiling away at every turn (grocery store flyers, posters, window displays, television commercials, wrapping paper, sweets, and so on). The painted black face image is inescapable.

Many western foreigners living or visiting Holland are horrified by such images. Why? Because they naturally conjure up the images of American Blackface: A theatrical practice of the 19th century which propagated racist stereotypes and the mockery of African slaves, and which, appropriately ceased to exist once the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s came into play.

Thus the existence of a modern-day nationally-beloved Blackface icon can be associated and/or confused with the racist stereotypes and degrading propaganda of yesteryear.



Sinterklaas is said to have originated from St. Nicolaus, the Bishop of Mira, Turkey. According to the legend, he saved the town from starvation, revived 3 dead children, and offered gifts of dowries to poor girls. The roots of the Zware Piets, however, are unclear. Some say these merry helpers are simply black in colour after having gone down the chimneys to deliver presents (really?). Others explain they are “hired helpers”, or simply dark people of Moorish descent that lived in Spain”...

Regardless of the explanation, Zwarte Piet's very presence annually ignites a heated debate amongst Dutch people, tourists, expats and the immigration communities of Holland.

Is Zwarte Piet a harmless childhood tradition, not worth debating? Or is it an archaic offensive character that no longer has a place in a multicultural society?

We'll keep our opinions to ourselves, but it's up to YOU to decide!



Efforts to make Piets multi-coloured, have been rejected by most “Piet purists”.

Sinterklaas, kom maar binnen met je Knechten



The Duyfken leaves Perth for good

The Duyfken Replica will leave Perth for good.

AN UPDATE ON THE DUYFKEN REPLICA.



The people in Sydney will have once again a great view of the Duyfken Replica, because the Duyfken has been there a couple of times before. This time, however, it will stay there for good.

You may have heard that the *Duyfken* Replica will leave WA to go to Sydney, where she will be a part of the Australian National Maritime Museum's (ANMM) collection.

When it was confirmed that both the WA corporate sector and the State Government financial support had stopped, the ongoing funding in the order of \$300,000 plus per year for the ship's maintenance was no longer available in WA. The economic impact of COVID also played a negative role in the raising of funds. Without this financial support, the Foundation would have difficulty operating beyond October 2020, which made *Duyfken's* future very uncertain.

It became clear that the Foundation had to look at alternative ways of guaranteeing *Duyfken's* future and so started working with the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM). This cooperation resulted in finding a new home for the ship.

The plan to relocate her to Sydney's ANMM was designed to protect the ship's historical value whilst allowing it to continue to tell her story for many years to come. The expectation is that with care and maintenance, *Duyfken* still has another 30 years of storytelling to offer.

A Letter of Intent was accepted and signed. This Letter outlines the framework for the transfer of ownership of the *Duyfken* to the ANMM. The *Duyfken* will be relocated and become part of the national heritage fleet based in Sydney under the custodianship of the ANMM.

Since her construction, the *Duyfken* has always played an important role in Australia's maritime history. Not only in an historical sense, as it was the first European ship to explore Australia, but also for her

The Duyfken leaves Perth for good

educational purpose. The ship retells the stories of early Dutch Maritime adventurers. These two unique characteristics have been embedded in the fabric of this Foundation.

Duyfken's relocation to Sydney will create the opportunity to share the *Duyfken* story with many more people, as the ship will now be an exhibition piece of the Australian National Maritime Museum. Another chapter in the story of the *Duyfken* has begun.

Plans are currently in progress to transport the *Duyfken* to her new home. With the option of sailing her into Sydney Harbour now gone, due to COVID-19 restrictions, arrangements are made for the ship to be deck loaded onto a vessel for transportation to Newcastle, and then sailed down the NSW coast to Sydney. The trip to Newcastle will be under the guidance of *Bosun* Andrew Bibby and his Dutch partner Mirjam Hilgeman. Once in Newcastle, Andrew and Mirjam, together with the Tallships Team from the East Coast, will put the ship together again with her masts and sails, so that the *Duyfken* is able to sail with a 16-person crew from Newcastle to Sydney.

This will provide a spectacular sight as the *Duyfken* enters Sydney Heads under full sail (wind direction dependent) and continues up the harbour to her new berth at the ANMM in Darling Harbour. Hopefully all this will happen before Christmas.

If this is possible, I will fly to my family in Sydney to see the *Duyfken* sail into her new berth at the ANMM next to the Endeavour, another amazing replica build in Fremantle.

Elly Spillekom.
former *Duyfken* Coordinator and member of the
Duyfken 1606 Replica Foundation Fremantle WA.



One little word.....

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be either a noun, a verb, an adjective, an adverb and a preposition.

That word is..... UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP.

It's easy to understand the word UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, **brighten** UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We **open** UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may **wind** UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Oh . . . one more thing: "What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?"

U.

P.

Don't you agree! Did that one crack you UP?

**Don't screw UP now. Send this one on to everyone you know. . .
and if you don't want to do that,
. . . it's entirely UP to you.**

Dual passports for the Dutch people

”STICHTING NEDERLANDS BUITEN NEDERLAND “– Introduction.

Last week I met with Elly Spillekom to talk about the ”Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland” or SNBN.

SNBN is an organisation founded by Eelco Key, when he realised that he was about to lose his Dutch passport while living in the USA and when he applied for American citizenship.

Eelco, through his membership of Dutch political party D’66 has access to Dutch politicians with whom he started to work on a variety of issues important to (former) Dutch nationals working and living outside the Netherlands.

As so many (former) Dutch are regularly confronted with situations that require Dutch governmental assistance, it felt like a good idea to introduce this organisation and its work to you for your information. SNBN works on subjects that may effect/may have effected you personally as current or former Dutch citizen living outside your country of birth, the Netherlands.

So what exactly is SNBN?

”Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland” was founded in 2019 and aims to serve the interests of Dutchies living and working outside the Netherlands as well as possible.

Its 11 board members are spread over four continents and 9 (Dutch) political parties.

Chairman Eelco lives in the USA, whilst secretary Twan resides in Switzerland.

Dutchies living abroad communicate with the Board through their representatives– Elly is not only SNBN’s representative for those (former) Dutch living Australia, Elly is also the coordinator of these representatives. Her work involves many a Zoom communication with local representatives in any corner of the world.

SNBN has set out to assist (former) Dutchies with issues like access to Dutch state pension (AOW or bedrijfs pensioen), Dutch education outside the Netherlands and maintaining or regaining Dutch citizenship while carrying a passport of current country of residence.

SNBN deals with a scala of subjects that concerns Dutchies living and working outside the Netherlands and since its foundation, the organisation has gained a lot of popularity and publicity. However, most time is currently invested in a bill allowing Dutch to carry double nationality.

At the moment, Dutchies living abroad will, generally speaking, lose their Dutch passport if they decided to take on citizenship of the foreign country, where they are residing and working.

To support its bill, SNBN most recently bought a page in the weekend edition of the well established Dutch newspaper NRC, to publish its stand and fight for governmental acceptance of double nationality for Dutchies living and working abroad.



SNBN is a valuable organisation for (former) Dutch citizens and it is important that its existence and its work becomes increasingly known amongst the Dutchies that were born in, but now live outside the Netherlands.

The progress of SNBN is extensively published on social media like Dutchies in Perth/Adelaide/Melbourne etc. Alternatively you could visit the website:

<https://www.nederlandersbuitennederland.nl/en/> to find out how ”Stichting Nederlanders in het Buitenland” can assist you.

Elly Spillekom is always happy to chat with you on: ellysnbn@gmail.com

Lianna Parker. L.M.

Yummy Dutch December treats

Appelflappen (Apple Beignets)

When did you last surprise your family with delicious Appel Flappen.

Appelflappen (beignets) are next to the oliebol the most popular treat on New Years Eve. Every Dutch family will love them.

Ingredients:

- ..# 1½ cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour.
- ..# Salt.
- ..# 1¼ cup beer (Heineken) or similar.
- ..# Vegetable oil, for deep-frying.
- ..# 4 Golden Delicious or whatever apples you got available.
- ..# Granulated or confectioners' sugar, for dusting.

Instructions:

- ..# Peel and core the apples and slice in ¼ inch rings.
- ..# In a bowl, whisk the all-purpose flour with a pinch of salt; gradually whisk in the beer until completely smooth. Allow the batter to rest for at least 30 minutes or up to 1 hour.
- ..# In a large deep skillet, heat 3 inches of the vegetable oil to 370° over moderate heat. Stir the batter.
Working in batches, dip the apple rings in the batter and fry them, turning occasionally, until golden and crisp, about 6 minutes.
- ..# Using a slotted spoon or a wire skimmer, transfer the beignets to a baking sheet lined with paper towels to drain. Keep the cooked beignets warm in a low oven while frying the rest. Sprinkle the beignets with granulated sugar or sift confectioners' sugar over them and serve hot.

Enjoy!!



Almond Roll (Banketstaaf).

A traditional Dutch pastry for St. Nicolas and Christmas time. This pastry can also be shaped in a circle (Kerstkrans) or a letter. Both are a little complicated.

Almond meal in Australia lacks the bitterness, found in European almonds, hence the addition of almond essence. Butter puff pastry is nicer than ordinary puff pastry, but often makes the completed rolls a little uneven.

Don't refrigerate the pastry, as this will make it soft and soggy. No problem at most Christmas parties.

It is so delicious it will disappear very quickly just the same!

Ingredients:

Filling:

- ..# 150 grams almond meal.
- ..# 150 grams sugar.
- ..# 1 small egg.
- ..# ½ teaspoon almond essence.
- ..# 3 half sheets of ready-made butter puff pastry sheets.
- ..# Glacé cherries for decoration.
- ..# Apricot jam or icing sugar.

Method:

- ..# Combine all the ingredients for the filling. Put it in a bowl and cover with cling wrap. Refrigerate for one or two days. This makes the almond meal swell and gives a nice texture.
- ..# Lay out the 3 half sheets of puff pastry.
- ..# From the almond filling make 2 rolls, 4 cm shorter than the length of the puff pastry.
- ..# Place the almond mixture in the middle of ½ a sheet puff pastry and 2 cm short of the end of the sheet.
- ..# Roll the puff pastry with almond filling till almost closed and moisten lightly with a little water.
- ..# Roll the pastry till closed, pinch the end of pastry to close.
- ..# Fold the end over and press lightly. Flip the roll over with the seam down.
- ..# Put the pastry on a baking sheet lined with baking paper.
- ..# Bake in the middle of a pre-heated 220°C oven for 25 to 30 minutes, until nicely golden brown. Do not open the oven the first 15 minutes.
- ..# Cool on a wire rack.
- ..# Warm the apricot jam and strain through a sieve to remove the pieces.
- ..# Brush the pastry with the jam or sprinkle liberally with icing sugar and decorate with halved glacé cherries.
- ..# Alternatively, put icing sugar and browned shaved almonds on top.

Enjoy during the festive season!



The Bingo Page



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.
Day Games only.
9th of December
3rd and 17th of February 2021



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Bingo on Wednesday 28th October. With 33 players; the 5 major prize winners above.



Bingo on Wednesday 11th November. **A Record 37 players** and 5 major prize winners.

BINGO BULLETIN.

From your friendly Bingo Organiser.

It being the 11th hour/11th day/11th month, we observed the one minute silence!!!

A number of Members collected the following prizes on top of their normal winnings:

On 28th October: Nelly Noorman and Emma Boekhout played for free (\$10).

The bag of chocolates went to **Diana van der Meer**. The \$25.- loaded game was won by **Helen Dans (\$45)**. The Neerlandia promoted Ferrero chocolates went to **Hennie James**.

On 11th November: Nelly van der Heiden and Ida Jutte played for free (\$10).

The bag of chocolates went to **Ann Heistek**, while the \$25.- loaded game was won by **Riet Oorschot (\$48)**. The Ferrero chocolates were won by **John van Gentevooort**.

On 11th November we welcomed 5 new players: **Henk and Lynne Smit, Arnold Giltay and Jos and Michelle Groos**. A new **Jackpot** started up and reached the \$62.- mark and did not go off. *Are we going to see you too at the next Bingo? Come and have fun!!*

Henk Oorschot and Louis James

For information call Henk on 9256 1977

Members Birthdays

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of December, 2020 and January 2021.

We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!!

December, 2020.

Pieter	Leeflang
Ineke	Baldé
John	Maarssen
Rudy	Kooper
Gerard	Schoonens
Ray	Schaafsma
Henri	Koldenhoven
Norbert	Engelsman
Baukje	Rusten- Walkington
Heidi	Verwey
Martin	van Rees
Desiree	de Graaf
Ludwig	Reitzenstein
Janke	Raayen
Thea	Bloks
Mariska	van Waaijenburg
Wilma	Mitchell
Marcel	Weggelaar
Regina	Iopolo
Marianne	van Zelst
Thea	Gorter
Rosalie	Groos
Mieke	van de Velde

January, 2021.

Alex	Udinga
Bernie	Uyen
Robert	Haanskorf
Robert	Wilson



January 2021 (cont.)

Andreas	van Rullen
Anne	Voorn
Gerry	James
Nel	vd Aakster
Nelly	Noorman
Ida	Jutte
Peter	Bouwman
Joan	Hill
Tilly	Stulcbauer
Corrie	van Ryt
Barrie	Parker
Arie	Schaap
Henk	Mast
Roy	Chase
Aleksej	Grimm
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Tinie	Cameron-Hoogeveen
Murray	Koedyk
Willem	van der Heiden
Esme	Nichols
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Pieter	Groos

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A man is stranded on a desert island.

A man is stranded on a desert island. One day he sees a speck on the horizon. Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear.

She comes up to the guy and says: "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years," he says.

She reaches over and unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes.

He takes one, she lights it, takes a long drag and says: "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asks: "How long has it been since you've had a drink of whiskey?"

He replies: "Ten years!"

She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on her right sleeve, pulls out a flask and gives it to him.

He takes a long swig and says: "Wow, that's fantastic!"

Then, with a mischievous and flirty smile, she says to him: "And how long has it been since you've had some real old-fashioned fun?"

The man replies: "Wow! Don't tell me that you've got a set golf clubs in there!"



A stranger entering a store noticed a sign.

Upon entering the little country store, the stranger noticed a sign saying: "DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG!", posted on the glass door. Inside he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep in the aisle of the groceries section.

He asked the store manager: "Is that the dog folks are supposed to be wary of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied.

The stranger couldn't help but be amused.

"That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous



dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because," the owner replied. "Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

A soldier wrote letters home.

The soldier was serving overseas and was far from home. He was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote, breaking off their engagement. She added insult to the injury by asking for her photograph back.

He then collected from his friends all of the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together and sent them to her with a letter: "Jane, I regret I cannot remember which one is you ...

please keep your photo and return the others, John."



Little Zachary was doing poorly in maths.

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His parents, after exhausting all other incentives, finally decided to enrol him in the local catholic school. After the first day, Little Zachary came home with a very serious look on his face. He went straight to his room and started studying.

This dedication continued for some time. His mother was baffled as to why he had become so.

Finally, Little Zachary brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table and went to his room to study. With great trepidation his mother looked at it and, to her surprise, Little Zachary got an A in maths.

She asked: "Son, what was it? Was it the nuns, the books, the discipline, the uniforms?"

Little Zachary said: "No!"

"What was it then?" she asked.

Little Zachary looked at her and said: "Well, on the first day of school, when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I



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knew they weren't fooling around."

Two men were having a slow round of golf.

Two men were having an awfully slow round of golf, because the two ladies in front of them managed to get into every sand trap, lake, and rough on the course. They didn't bother to wave the men on through, which is proper golf etiquette.

After two long hours of slow play and waiting, one man said: "I think I'll walk up there and ask those gals to let us play through."

He walked up the fairway, got halfway to the ladies, stopped, turned around and came back,



explaining: "I can't do it. One of those women is my wife and the

other is my mistress! Maybe you'd better go talk to them."

The second man walked towards the ladies, got halfway there and just as his partner had done, stopped, turned around and walked back and said: "Small world."

A farmer was being questioned by a Union Official.

A man owned a small farm in the country. The Union Official claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an investigator to interview him.

"You just give me a list of your employees and tell me how much you pay them."

"All right," said the farmer. "I have a hired man. Been with me for three years. I pay him \$700 a week, plus room and board.

I have a cook. She's been here six months. She gets \$600 a week plus room and board."

"Anybody else?" asked the agent as he scribbled on a note pad. "Yeah," the farmer said.



"This guy is none too bright. Works about eighteen hours a day. I gets paid ten dollars a week and give him chewing tobacco."

"Aha!" the Union representative roared: "I got you and I want to talk to that man!"

"You are talking to him," said the farmer.

Morton was reading his paper.

Morton was reading the paper after breakfast, when he came across an article about a beautiful actress who was about to marry a football player, known primarily for his lack of IQ and common sense.

He turned to his wife with a questioning look on his face and said: "I'll never understand why the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives."

His wife smiled and replied: "Why thank you dear, that is a nice compliment!"



An 80-year-old man never got married.

One day he meets a beautiful 75-year-old woman, and it is love at first sight. They get married and go to a tropical island for their honeymoon.

When they get back, his friend says to him: "So, tell me, how was it?"

"Oh, it was beautiful," says the man. "The sun, the sand, we made love almost every night, we..."

His friend interrupts him: "A man your age! How did you make love almost every night?"

"Oh," says the man: "We almost made love on Mondays, we almost made love on Tuesdays....."



Drachten - the 2nd largest Town in Friesland



Flag & Coat of Arms of Drachten.

Drachten is a Town in the North of Friesland. It is located in the Municipality of "Smallingerland". It has a population of around 48,000. Its surrounding environment consists of lowlands with forests and peat moors, as well as many nearby lakes.

History:

Drachten began as a small Community on the East side of the Drait (or Dracht) river. There, early settlers started digging out peat and drained the land to use it for agriculture. Around 1200 A.D., a small stone Church was built.



National Park near Drachten.

Peat and Industry:

Peat exploitation meant an income for the early settlers, although most of the income did not flow into the pockets of the struggling peat cutters. In 1641 A.D. farmers in Drachten entered into an agreement with wealthy residents of The Hague, which stipulated that peat cut in that area of Friesland was solely to be sent to the Provinces of Holland. To transport the peat by boat, the "Drachtster Compagnons" Vaart (canal) and two side channels had to be dug. It took about 800 workers quite a few years to dig it, using only shovels, wheelbarrows, horses and carts. Developments followed the workers as they moved along, such as dwellings, places for storage, hostels and businesses. The finished canal brought in ships and they not only wanted return freight, but also their own service industry such as rope-yards, carpenter's yards and other service industries. This was soon followed by Public utilities etc.

Around 1830, a Town hall was built.

The Drachtstervaart:

In the years 1966/67, that part of the Drachtstervaart that was going through



Digging and transporting peat was hard work.



Museum.



The Town's Carillon.

Drachten - the 2nd largest Town in Friesland



The Drachster Canal in the 1930's. The Canal dug up again recently. A sluice in the finished Canal.

Drachten, was filled-in. But early in the 20th Century, it was decided to dig it out again to take advantage of water tourism on the peat route. The canal only needed to be dug out and refurbished partially, from the "Zuiderhogeweg" to the Carillon in the centre of Drachten. The multimillion-dollar project was delayed in 2003 due to legal proceedings. Then in 2008 the reopening of the canal was halted in due to the credit crisis. But it was started again in 2012 and it was finally completed in 2015.

The theme for the redevelopment of the canal was the art project:

"Water is Leven" (Water is Life) was used and a part of the street at the "Moleneind" was painted blue.

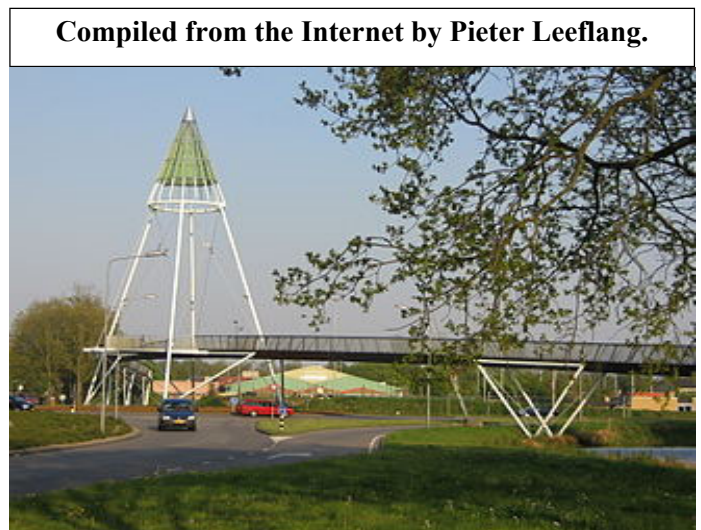
Traffic Experiment:

"Traffic experiment Drachten" received international attention for a traffic experiment known as shared space, a concept pioneered by Hans Monderman.

Almost all traffic signs and signs have been removed in the Town's centre, in an effort to improve traffic safety, based on the theory that drivers pay more attention to their surroundings, when they cannot rely on strict traffic rules. Previously the town's centre had an average of 8 accidents per year. In the first two years after the system was introduced, yearly accidents were reduced to 1.



The Newly restored Drachtster Vaart.



Bridge solely for cyclists.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

Once the words: **Gigantic**, **Anything** and **Negative** were found, the rest was easy going.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker was as follows:

A=6; B=11; C=5; D=15; E=14;
F=1; G=9; H=22; I=23; J=20; K=26;
L=10; M=17; N=3; O=2; P=16;
Q=7; R=8; S=25; T=24; U=12; V=4;
W=21; X=13; Y=19; Z=18.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

Once the words: **Infinite**, **Freezer** and **Reject** were found, the rest was easy going.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker was as follows:

A=15; B=22; C=16; D=4; E=6;
F= 20; G=9; H=5; I=8; J=26; K=14;
L=11; M=19; N=21; O=3; P=12;
Q=10; R=7; S=23; T=25; U=2; V=1;
W=17; X=18; Y=24; Z=13.

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The first 3 words I found were: Tortuous, Superior and Nonsense, then it became a bit easier.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:

A=15; B=8; C=23; D=3; E=20; F=17; G=12; H=19; I=26; J=25; K=5; L=14; M=24; N=11; O=2; P=22; Q=7; R=16; S=18; T=13; U=6; V=4; W=21; X=9; Y=10; Z=1.

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 58 Easy Puzzle

2	5	8					7	1
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	2	7	1				6	
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Sudoku 58 Mod. Puzzle

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	3	4			7	6		

Last month's Sudoku Easy 57 solution.

1	8	9	2	7	5	6	3	4
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3	6	4	9	2	7	8	1	5
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4	3	1	5	8	9	7	2	6

Last month's Sudoku Moderate 57 solution.

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